

Ancient wisdom that works today

Proverbs 2 – How we grow wise

1. How we grow wise 1 - 4

- The big 'if you....' 1 - 4
 - Accept my words
 - Store up my commands
 - Turn your ear to wisdom
 - Apply your heart to understanding
 - Call out, cry aloud, look and search
 - Matthew 5:6 – 'Hunger and thirst for righteousness'

2. The guarantee 5 – 11

- You will understand the fear of the Lord
- You will find the knowledge of God
- You will understand what is right and just and fair
- Wisdom will enter your heart
- Discretion will protect you
- Understanding will guard you

3. Wisdom will save you 12 - 19

- From the ways of wicked men 12 - 15
- From the deadly women 16 – 19

4. The promise of blessing 20 – 22

- Good company
- Security and life in the land
- Life as it was supposed to be – wicked cut off, unfaithful torn away.

Digging Deeper

Read Proverbs 2: 1 - 4

1. My son, If you... Why does God give us the freedom to choose how we respond to his grace?
2. What do verses 1 – 4 look like for you personally. How do you put these instructions into action day by day?
3. What do verses 1 – 4 look like for us as a faith community. How do we put these instruction in action day by day together?

Read Proverbs 2: 5 - 11

1. Do you believe that God is able to deliver on these promises?
2. Are there areas in your life that you prefer God not to be involved? What is getting in the way of you allowing him to show his love and care?

Read Proverbs 2: 12 - 19

1. How does wisdom save us from wicked men?
2. Why do we find it hard to discern other people's motives?
3. How does wisdom save us from sexual temptation?
4. What in verse 16 – 19 are the clues to be able to discern the direction of travel if we fall into temptation?
5. Verse 19 is a sober challenge. Is it possible to return and find the paths of life following sexual sin?

Read Proverbs 2: 20 – 22

1. What are the benefits of wise living that Solomon outlines here?
2. How have you seen these worked out in your life up till now?

Kevin Deyoung's book – Amaze them with God is a well worth re-reading as we work through this series. If you have not read it see if someone in the group has a copy, borrow and enjoy the read!